

Special Session

Agenda Item #	3
Meeting Date	September 7, 2004
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Discussion Item	Resolution Commemorating the 10 th Anniversary of the Cairo Consensus
Background	<p>At the 1994 United Nations International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo, Egypt, a program of action was endorsed by the United States along with 178 other nations. The Program of Action commits to the following objectives: sustained economic growth in the context of sustainable development; education, especially for girls; gender equity and equality; infant, child and maternal mortality reduction; and the provision of universal access to reproductive health services including family planning and sexual health.</p> <p>“A Mother’s Promise the World Must Keep” is a campaign created to re-energize commitment to the objectives outlined ten years ago in Cairo.</p>
Policy	
Fiscal Impact	None
Attachments	Draft resolution
Recommendation	Consider adoption of the resolution
Special Consideration	

Introduced by:

**Resolution #2004-
Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Cairo Consensus**

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council commemorates the Tenth Anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development by reaffirming our commitment to mothers and children, and the promise embodied in the 1994 Cairo Program of Action; and

WHEREAS, as a community, we value and support the promise a mother makes to her child – the promise of love, security, shelter, food, good health, a clean environment, and education to help her children secure that future; and

WHEREAS, poverty, disease, ignorance, injustice, and politics, make this an impossible promise for millions of women; and

WHEREAS, a decade ago, 179 nations came together in Cairo, Egypt, to confront this reality with a new approach to improve the quality of life for women and families, a Program of Action that underscored the mutually reinforcing linkages between population and sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, ten years later, new challenges and policies have compromised the power and energy of that historic meeting, thereby slowing or stopping progress; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the 10th anniversary of this historic agreement, this resolution reaffirms our commitment to act now to advance the principles, policies, and promise of Cairo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT today, the Takoma Park City Council reaffirms the crucial nature of the principles embodied in the Cairo Program of Action, and commits itself to the actions approved at Cairo that we can take as a community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT we urge the President and the Congress of the United States to honor the commitments made in Cairo to help every mother keep her promise to her children, by improving women's health, access to education and reproductive freedom, and by ensuring every child's health and opportunity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT we urge this Administration to commemorate the upcoming Tenth Anniversary of the Cairo Consensus by reaffirming the United States' commitment to the goals, principles and financial commitments expressed in the Cairo Program of Action.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, ____.